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## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Shirts, Blouses, and Sleepwear of  
Cotton Seersucker Fabrics (Investigation No. 332-465-009)

The U.S. International Trade Commission has initiated a review to provide advice concerning two petitions filed under the "commercial availability" provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA). The petitions cover 100-percent cotton seersucker fabrics of plain-weave construction using two warp beams. One petition covers certain seersucker fabrics which are piece dyed and classified in subheadings 5208.32.30, 5208.32.40, 5208.32.50, and 5209.31.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The other petition covers certain seersucker fabrics which are yarn dyed and classified in subheadings 5208.42.30, 5208.42.40, 5208.42.50, and 5209.41.60 of the HTSUS. The seersucker fabrics covered in both petitions are made into woven shirts, blouses, and sleepwear in CBTPA beneficiary countries.

The petition was filed by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., on behalf of B\*W\*A of New York City, and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on June 1, 2005. The petition alleges that the yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission will conduct the review and provide advice under its investigation No. 332-465, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2005): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified fabrics, regardless of the source of the fabrics, should CITA determine that the fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will submit its advice to USTR in a classified report by July 13, 2005, and issue a public version of it soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review by June 28, 2005. Information on procedures for submitting written statements to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the *Federal Register* of January 26, 2005 (70 F.R. 3728) and posted on its website at [http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed\\_reg\\_notices/332/332\\_465\\_institution01242005sgl.pdf](http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/332/332_465_institution01242005sgl.pdf).

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